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FOLLOWING IS THE NOVEMBER 8 EVENING REPORT:

QUOTE THE MOORHEAD HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS HEARINGS ON DIVERSION OF US PROPERTY AND CORRUPTION IN LAOS GROUND TO AN END YESTERDAY. IN A 6-HOUR SESSION MACGODLEY AND HIS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF CONFIRMED THAT: THE EMBASSY HAD ERRED IN NOT KEEPING ACCOUNTABILITY RECORDS ON SOME $1.9 MILLION WORTH OF SURPLUS US PROPERTY, SOME BLANK SIGNED REQUISITIONS WERE SENT TO US MILITARY SUPPLY POINTS, AND A $15,000 SWIMMING POOL WAS BUILT WITHOUT FORMAL STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION.
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QUOTE: HOWEVER, GODLEY EFFECTIVELY PLACED THESE MATTERS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF WARTIME CONDITIONS IN LAOS. THE POOL ISSUE WAS DEFLATED WHEN CONGRESSMAN GUBSER RELATED THE SHADOWY TALE OF HOW THE RAYBURN BUILDING POOL "APPEARED" IN THE BASEMENT ONE DAY.

QUOTE IN SHORT, THE HEARINGS ENDED ON A NOTE WHICH SEEMS TOTALLY TO BELIE CBS' EARLY PREDICTION OF NOTABLE SCANDAL. THE DEPARTMENT WILL, HOWEVER, HAVE TO PURSUE SOME FOLLOW-UP INSPECTIONS ON MULTI-AGENCY CONTROL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY. RUSH UNQUOTE RUSH

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